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For: **STEERING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.